Wells in Several of the States Showing Decided Decrease in Production.

### IS THERE GAS UNDER VIRGINIA?

If So, Big Money Is Coming to Some of Her

People.

As has been set forth in the Industrial Section several times and oftener in the general news columns of this paper, Pennsylvania oil and gas experts who have been investigating, believe foll and natural gas may be found in parts of the counties of Nottoway, amelia and Prince Edward. So sure are these experts and the financial backers behind them, that a strong from such producers could only be estimonpany of Pittsburgh capitalists are willing and anxious to spend a great willing and anxious to spend a great for the oil and gas near Burkeville, and to that end they have been trying to obtain leases on a sufficiency of Virginials Profits Anyway. for the oil and gas near Burkeville, and to that end they have been try-ing to obtain leases on a sufficiency of land. More than haf the owners of these lands are willing to lease and let the experiment go on at a great. expenditure of money in the communiexpenditure of money in the communi-ty, and so, whether the borers and workers for the oil and gas ind any for not these land owners are sure to reap some reward and if none of the valuable stuff be found only the Pitts-burgh people stand to lose money. However, some of the people about

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However, some of the people about
Burkoville refuse to go into the leasing proposition and are thus heading
off what may be a most valuable development in that part of the State.

Some Facts and Figures.

Perhaps they do not know what a
valuable asset they may be driving
away from their very door. Therefore, it may be well enough to furnish
some figures and information concerning natural gas. They come from reports furnished by the United States
government and are accurate.

The value of the natural gas produced in this country for 1911, was \$74,c00,007, While there was a decrease in
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The increase in the demand for nattral gas from consumers of all kinds, according to David T. Day, of the United States Geological Survey, who is the author of the government report just published and now under discussion, makes the supply of natural cussion, makes the supply of natural transfer of the great designated as the Bucking-the area designated as the Bu gas a matter of seriousness.

In Ohio and Indiana the yield has cinity diminished so rapidly as to stop the investment of the further capital necestived. sary to increase production. One important feature bearing on the produc-tion of natural gas during 1911 was the excessive demand for it in Kansas City, Mo. This caused a board of public utilities to create a commission. headed by Eramus Haworth, State geologist of Kansan, to investigate the geologist of Kansan, to investigate the probable duration of the supply of gas to Kansas City. In his report Mr. Haworth expresses the opinion that a supply of natural gas sufficient for the needs of the city is not possible



COMBINATION.

W. F. Mahoney

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On December 21, 1911, there were 18,800 productive mells in Pennsylvania, 4,755 in West Virginia, 4,717 in Ohio, 2,632 in Indiana, and 2,004 in Kansas. The total number of productive wells in the United States on that

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the area designated as the Buckingham-Fluvanna. The slate in this belt
is the most widely known brand quarried in the South. This area will be
the subject of a separate discussion,
ras the present article being devoted to the
san ext most important area in Virginia,
namely, the Esmont-Keswick belt.
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the Esmont-Keswick area. However,
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building with fifteen ware kilns and twelve decerating kilns, of firepreet Richmond and Virginia have contri-construction, etc.; will operate by elec-tric power; cost \$250,000.

The Homer Laughlin China Com-pany, East Liverpool, Ohio, will build in the next decade.

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vania mining regions and directly from abroad. With the advent of the South-ern Europeans in considerable num-bers native Americans and older im-misrant employes began to leave the mines. As the pressure of the com-petition of the recent immigrant be-

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To all of these totals of increase

A Pittspivania County Booster,
Editor Warren, of the Chatham Enterprise, is a beoster all right. He believes in his town, the good little town of Chatham, and he just dotes on his county and her people. He talks of them in his last paper to the extent of a column or more, and winds up in this language:

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State. It would seem now that GovState. It would seem now that Govlin corners a very important and interesting business centre. ridded bottoms to be found here and there in the eastern sections of the State. It would seem now that Governor Mann has come entirely over and makes no exception to the general statement, for in his letter to agricultural papers, referred to elsewhere, the says:

"We have dicovered by actual experiment in Virginia that there is no such thing as worm-out thand: it may be a supported by the says:

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periment in Virginia that there is no such thing as worn-out land; it may become unproductive, but sweeten it by the use of lime or ground limestone, and fill it with vegetable matter, and astonishing crops will respond to judicious methods of c\_itivation."





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The Industrial Section has often boasted that there is not an acre of poor land in Virginia, by which is meant of course, that all of the talk we hear about Virginia's "worn out" lands is nonsense, and that every inch of so-called "worn out" land can casliy be "worn in" again if the owner will give it proper attention. The Governor of the State, who is a large land owner and intensely interested in the development of the Old Commonwealth, once said he would agree with

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